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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Medical Officer of Health

TO THE

### Hexham Urban District Council

FOR THE

Year Ended 31st December, 1935.

BY

**Dr. G. PATTON.**



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HEXHAM HOUSE,  
HEXHAM.

To the Chairman and Members of the Hexham Urban  
District Council:—

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the full year ending 31st December, 1935. This report contains the particulars required by the Ministry of Health Circular 1492, dated 18th October, 1935.

Before proceeding to set out the various tables of Vital Statistics, I wish to give a brief outline on conditions generally in the Urban District. With regard to **Municipal Activities and Amenities**, Hexham is well provided and compares favourably with any town of its size with which I am acquainted. It is picturesque in its situation, has an excellent and abundant water supply, a good sewage system and clean and well-cared for streets and roads. Its parks and open spaces are, for a town of this size, extensive and well-cared for. There is also a Municipal Bowling Green and Golf Course. There is, however, another side to the picture. Like all towns of an ancient character, it has a great quantity of old and dilapidated property, lacking in the amenities which the trend of modern progress requires. These include individual houses which, though not forming Slum Areas, which we have already dealt with, are so dilapidated as to call for demolition, and many more which call for considerable outlay to bring them within measurable distance of the standard called for by the Ministry of Health. In addition, there is much tenementation over shops and business premises, which will have to be dealt with under the 1930 Housing Act. This will fall heavily on a town of this size, but will have to be faced. Overcrowding also exists to a considerable extent.

The year, however, has been one of considerable progress. Of the sixteen Clearance Areas made, one-half were confirmed by the Ministry last year, and houses have been built to accommodate displaced tenants. The second half of our Clearance Areas was dealt with this year and also some of the individual houses listed for demolition. The tenemented property over shops and business property, it is hoped, will be dealt with shortly under Partial Closing Orders.

The year under review was chiefly remarkable for the continuation of the Scarlet Fever outbreak mentioned last year. The disease continued to be of a mild type, but there was one death. The incidence of Diphtheria was also much above normal, 20 cases being notified. Two deaths from this cause were recorded during the year.

The question of the great increase in infectious disease, notably Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Measles, is a disquieting one for all Sanitary Authorities. Four contributory causes appear to be behind this:—

- (1)—The greatly increased travel facilities now prevailing.
- (2)—The great increase in places of Public Entertainment.
- (3)—The mildness of the types of the different diseases, resulting in many sufferers not being seen by medical men and consequently not reported or isolated.
- (4)—The large proportion of the juvenile population without immunity. This is due to the few cases occurring during the seven previous years.

This last factor has always been recognised by Health Authorities, and increased incidence of infectious disease on this account was foreseen, but that it should assume such proportions can only be accounted for by the three previous reasons.

We are still without our Joint Hospital and negotiations for this purpose have been very slow, but are now under way and should soon result in a scheme which will provide the desired accommodation.

We are also still without a fully provided Maternity and Child Welfare Service, but we are in communication with the County Authorities, with a view to coming into the County Scheme.

You will note that the Infant Mortality Rate, though lower than last year, is again very high. There is no doubt that bad Housing Conditions are a decided contributory factor in such a condition of affairs and I have great hope that when this is amended we may attain a permanently much lower figure.

During the year under review a scheme, providing free immunisation to all children in the district against Diphtheria, was put in operation. So far 800 children have been treated.

The supply of cheap milk to the elementary schools has had a very noticeable effect on the standard of nutrition amongst the scholars. Unfortunately, those who most require it in many cases do not take advantage of the facilities offered. In the worst cases these are given milk free.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

G. PATTON,  
Medical Officer of Health.



## A.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Area in Acres .....   | 5932 |
| Estimate of Resident Population, 1935 .....                           | 9050 |
| Number of Inhabited Houses, end of 1935, according to Rate Book ..... | 2380 |
| Rateable Value and Sum represented by a Penny Rate (£63,711) .....    | £248 |

### Social Conditions, including Industries Carried On in the Area.

No large industries; nothing affecting the public health.

### Vital Statistics.

#### Live-Births.

|                    | Total. | M. | F. |
|--------------------|--------|----|----|
| Legitimate .....   | 119    | 64 | 55 |
| Illegitimate ..... | 5      | 4  | 1  |

#### Still-Births.

|                    |    |   |   |
|--------------------|----|---|---|
| Legitimate .....   | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| Illegitimate ..... | —  | — | — |

BIRTH-RATE, per 1,000 of the estimated Resident Population ..... 13.7

Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births ..... 14.8

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, child-birth:—

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| From Sepsis .....  | Nil |
| Other Causes ..... | One |

### Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age, per Thousand Births.

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Legitimate .....                                  | 75.6  |
| Illegitimate .....                                | 200.0 |
| Deaths from Measles (all ages) .....              | Nil   |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .....       | One   |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) .....       | One   |
| DEATH-RATE, per 1,000 of the estimated Population | 80.6  |

### Deaths.

During the year there have been 112 deaths of persons in, or belonging to, the Hexham Urban District. These figures give a Death-Rate of 12.3 per thousand, compared with 12.5 for the year 1934. The following table classifies these deaths according to their age groups:—

| AGE GROUPS.   |     |
|---------------|-----|
| 0-1 .....     | 10  |
| 1-2 .....     | 3   |
| 2-5 .....     | 1   |
| 5-15 .....    | 6   |
| 15-25 .....   | 3   |
| 25-45 .....   | 11  |
| 45-65 .....   | 25  |
| 65-75 .....   | 23  |
| Over 75 ..... | 30  |
| Total .....   | 112 |

| LOCALITY OF DEATHS.  |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Gilesgate Ward ..... | 44  |
| Leazes Ward .....    | 18  |
| Priestpottle Ward .. | 24  |
| Hencotes Ward .....  | 26  |
| Total .....          | 112 |

The chief causes of death are set out in the following table:—

| <b>Causes of Death.</b>              | M.       | F.       |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Typhoid Fever, etc. ....             | —        | —        |
| Measles ....                         | —        | —        |
| Scarlet Fever ....                   | —        | 1        |
| Whooping Cough ....                  | —        | 1        |
| Diphtheria ....                      | 2        | —        |
| Influenza ....                       | 2        | 1        |
| Encephalitis Lethargica ....         | —        | —        |
| Cerebro-spinal Fever ....            | —        | —        |
| Respiratory Tuberculosis ....        | 4        | 1        |
| Other Tuberculosis ....              | 3        | 2        |
| Syphilis ....                        | 3        | —        |
| Gen. Paralysis of Insane, etc. ....  | —        | 1        |
| Cancer ....                          | 2        | 10       |
| Diabetes ....                        | 1        | —        |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage ....            | 4        | 2        |
| Heart Disease ....                   | 8        | 6        |
| Aneurysm ....                        | —        | —        |
| Other Circulatory ....               | 3        | 6        |
| Bronchitis ....                      | —        | 2        |
| Pneumonia ....                       | 3        | 2        |
| Other Respiratory ....               | 3        | 2        |
| Peptic Ulcer ....                    | 1        | —        |
| Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years) .... | —        | 1        |
| Appendicitis ....                    | —        | —        |
| Cirrhosis of Liver ....              | 1        | —        |
| Other Liver Diseases ....            | 1        | —        |
| Other Digestive ....                 | 3        | 2        |
| Nephritis ....                       | 2        | 8        |
| Puerperal Sepsis ....                | —        | —        |
| Other Puerperal ....                 | —        | 1        |
| Congenital Causes, etc. ....         | 3        | 1        |
| Senility ....                        | 1        | 4        |
| Suicide ....                         | 1        | —        |
| Other Violence ....                  | —        | —        |
| Other Defined Causes ....            | 4        | 3        |
| Ill-defined Causes ....              | —        | —        |
|                                      | <hr/> 55 | <hr/> 57 |

### **Infant Mortality.**

There were 10 deaths of infants under one year of age, as compared with 11 in 1934. The Infant Mortality Rate is 80.6 per thousand births, compared with 88.7 for 1934.

BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE, AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1935.

|  | Rate per 1,000 total Population |              | Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population |                               |           |         |               |                |            |           |          |                                       | Rate per 1,000 Live Births  |  |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|----------------|------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|  | Live Births                     | Still Births | All Causes                             | Typhoid & Para-Typhoid fevers | Small-pox | Measles | Scarlet Fever | Whooping Cough | Diphtheria | Influenza | Violence | Diarrhoea & Enteritis (under 2 years) | Total Deaths under one year |  |
| England and Wales ...  | 14·7                            | 0·62         | 11·7                                   | 0·00                          | 0·00      | 0·03    | 0·01          | 0·04           | 0·8        | 0·18      | 0·52     | 5·7                                   | 57                          |  |
| 121 County Boroughs & Great Towns, including London ...                            | 14·8                            | 0·68         | 11·8                                   | 0·00                          | 0·00      | 0·04    | 0·01          | 0·04           | 0·09       | 0·16      | 0·45     | 7·9                                   | 62                          |  |
| 140 Smaller Towns (estimated Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at Census 1931) | 14·8                            | 0·64         | 11·2                                   | 0·00                          | 0·00      | 0·03    | 0·01          | 0·03           | 0·07       | 0·17      | 0·41     | 3·8                                   | 55                          |  |
| London ...   | 13·3                            | 0·52         | 11·4                                   | 0·00                          | 0·00      | 0·00    | 0·01          | 0·04           | 0·06       | 0·11      | 0·51     | 11·2                                  | 58                          |  |
| Hexham U.D. ...  | 13·7                            | 1·10         | 12·3                                   | 0·00                          | 0·00      | 0·00    | 0·11          | 0·11           | 0·22       | 0·33      | 0·00     | 8·0                                   | 80                          |  |



# TUBERCULOSIS—NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1935.

| Age periods. | New Cases |   |           |   | Nett Deaths in Hex-<br>ham Urban District. |   |          |   |
|--------------|-----------|---|-----------|---|--|---|----------|---|
|              | Pulmonary |   | Non Pulm. |   | Pulmonary                                  |   | Non Pulm |   |
|              | M         | F | M         | F | M  | F | M        | F |
| 0—1          | —         | — | —         | — | —  | — | —        | — |
| 1—5          | —         | — | —         | — | —  | — | —        | — |
| 5—15         | 1         | — | 2         | — | 1  | — | 1        | — |
| 15—20        | —         | — | 2         | — | —  | — | 1        | 1 |
| 20—25        | —         | 3 | —         | — | —  | — | —        | — |
| 25—35        | 1         | 3 | —         | — | 1  | 1 | —        | — |
| 35—45        | 3         | 1 | —         | 1 | 1  | — | —        | — |
| 45—55        | 1         | 1 | 1         | — | 1  | — | —        | 1 |
| 55—65        | —         | — | —         | — | —  | — | —        | — |
| 65 & over    | —         | — | —         | — | —  | — | 1        | — |
| Totals       | 6         | 8 | 5         | 1 | 4  | 1 | 3        | 2 |

|                   |     | Cases<br>Notified. | Deaths. |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------|---------|
| Gilesgate Ward    | ... | 11                 | 5       |
| Leazes Ward       | ... | 3                  | 1       |
| Priestpopple Ward | ... | 4                  | 2       |
| Hencotes Ward     | ... | 2                  | 2       |
|                   |     | 20                 | 10      |

The number of deaths from Tuberculosis for the year under review was 10, against six last year. I emphasise that our high figures are largely due to the housing conditions. Until these are satisfactorily improved, you cannot expect to have other than a large Tuberculosis Death Rate. What you have done is already showing results in your General Death Rate and your Infantile Death Rate, and to some extent in Tuberculosis, but a steady progression along the lines of the last few years must continue. It is comparatively useless to send a sufferer to a Sanatorium and then bring him back to the insanitary and over-crowded conditions from which he was taken. The patient relapses and is likewise a source of infection to those living with him under such conditions. It has been suggested that a proportion of new houses should be specially allocated to such cases. There is much

to be said for this policy, but in a town the size of Hexham there are obvious drawbacks to this scheme. But not adopting it renders it still more important that there should be no cessation or slowing down in your housing scheme.

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other Than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1935.

| NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.         | At all Ages. | Under 1. | 1 to 2. | 2 to 5. | 5 to 15. | 15 to 25. | 25 to 45. | 45 to 65. | 65 & upward | Cases admitted to Hospital. | Total Deaths. |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Smallpox ...                | —            | —        | 1       | 11      | 35       | 6         | 4         | —         | —           | 49                          | 1             |
| Scarlet Fever ...           | 57           | —        | 4       | 5       | 6        | 2         | 3         | —         | —           | 19                          | 2             |
| Diphtheria ...              | 20           | —        | —       | —       | —        | —         | —         | 1         | —           | —                           | —             |
| Enteric Fever ...           | 1            | —        | —       | —       | —        | —         | —         | —         | —           | —                           | —             |
| Puerperal Fever ...         | —            | —        | —       | —       | —        | —         | —         | —         | —           | —                           | —             |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ...       | —            | —        | —       | —       | —        | —         | —         | —         | —           | —                           | —             |
| Pneumonia ...               | 9            | —        | —       | —       | 2        | 1         | 1         | 3         | 2           | 1                           | 5             |
| Encephalitis Lethargica ... | 1            | —        | —       | —       | —        | —         | 1         | —         | —           | 1                           | —             |
| Erysipelas ...              | 11           | —        | 2       | —       | —        | —         | 5         | 2         | 2           | 4                           | —             |
| TOTALS ...                  | 99           | —        | 7       | 16      | 43       | 9         | 14        | 6         | 4           | 74                          | 8             |

**General.**—The total of the chief notifiable infectious diseases shows an increase from the previous year, being 99 against 77.



**Ophthalmia Neonatorum.**—The particulars of this disease are asked for in the following forms, and are given herewith:—

**Table showing cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum in 1935.**

|                          | CASES.   |            |                | Vision<br>unimpaired | Vision<br>impaired | Total<br>Blindness | Deaths |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
|                          | Notified | Treated    |                |                      |                    |                    |        |
|                          |          | At<br>Home | In<br>Hospital |                      |                    |                    |        |
|                          |          |            |                |                      |                    |                    |        |
| Ophthalmia<br>Neonatorum | ...      | —          | —              | —                    | —                  | —                  | —      |

#### **A.—Cancer.**

There are no special facilities for the treatment of Cancer other than given by their own Doctor and that of the various Hospitals to which they may be sent.

The following table shows the incidence of Cancer, as a cause of death, with relation to age and sex, and the organs affected:—

|                 |     |     |     |     | M. | F. |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Stomach         | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  | 59 |
| Thyroid         | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  | 70 |
| Uterus          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  | 65 |
| "               | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  | 59 |
| Duodenum        | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  | 60 |
| Retropet. Gland | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  | 72 |
| Sigmoid         | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  | 70 |
| Rectum          | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  | 75 |
| Lymphatic       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 65 | —  |
| Prostrate       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 72 | —  |
| Vulva           | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  | 68 |
| Brain           | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  | 47 |
| TOTALS          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2  | 10 |

## B.—PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

No special treatment, other than the usual Post-Natal treatment.

## C.—TUBERCULOSIS.

Cases of Tuberculosis are treated at Wooley Sanatorium and are under the auspices of the N.C.C. A few beds are at their disposal at Dene Street House Hospital when necessary.

Twenty cases of Tuberculosis have been notified during the year. Of these, 14 were Pulmonary and 6 Non-Pulmonary.

Ten deaths from Tuberculosis have occurred. Of these, 5 were Pulmonary and 5 Non-Pulmonary. Ten deaths give a Death Rate of 1.1 per thousand living.

The total number of cases of Tuberculosis on the books at December 31st, 1935, is as follows:—

| Males. |          |     | Females. |          |     | Total. |
|--------|----------|-----|----------|----------|-----|--------|
| Pul.   | Non-Pul. |     | Pul.     | Non-Pul. |     |        |
| 63     | 21       | ... | 71       | 9        | ... | 164    |

### 1.—Public Health Officers of the Authority: Medical, Nursing and Sanitary.

One whole-time Medical Officer, who holds the Diploma of Public Health.

One Sanitary Inspector, who is also Town Surveyor and holds the Diploma, A.M.I.C.E. and R.S.I.

One Health Visitor (S.R.N.), Fever and C.M.B.

### 2.—Legislation in Force: No Change.

A.—Laboratory Facilities: Swabs and specimens are dealt with by the County Laboratory.

B.—Ambulance: One motor ambulance for infectious cases.

C.—Nursing in the Homes: A Voluntary Association provides two District Nurses, who also act as Midwives for the district.

D.—Clinics and Treatment Centres: None provided by the Council.

### E.—Hospitals, Public and Voluntary:

- (i) The Isolation Hospital fulfils the requirements of the district, but co-operation with the neighbouring Authorities, with a view to the provision of a joint Hospital, is under consideration.



- (ii) The War Memorial Hospital. This is supported by voluntary subscriptions. Any patient who pays a fee is received from the Urban District.
- (iii) Dean Street House. Patients are received from the Urban Area. There is accommodation for Maternity cases. Others go to Corbridge Hospital, which is about three miles away and belongs to the County.

### 3.—Medical Officers of Health, Maternity and Child Welfare:

One Medical Officer.

- (i) Midwifery and Maternity Services—No change. Two District Nurses.
- (ii) Institutional Provision for Mothers and Children: For mothers—None by the Urban District Council, other than the County Hospital, Dene Street House; for children—the Children's Nursery, Hextol Terrace, where they have 35 to 36 cots for permanent children.
- (iii) One Health Visitor, who acts as Infant Protection Visitor under Part i. of the Act.

#### OTHER STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1935.

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Midwives Practising in the District .....  | 2    |
| (Trained, 2; Untrained, Nil.)  |      |
| Number of Cases Attended by Same in 1935 .....   | 81   |
| Midwifery .....  | 65   |
| As Maternity Nurses .....  | 16   |
| Number of Cases in which Medical Aid was summoned                                      | 20   |
| Number of Women who Died in, or in consequence of<br>Childbirth during the Year 1935:— |      |
| From Sepsis—Nil; Other Causes—One ... Total  | 1    |
| Number of Visits Paid during the Year by the Health<br>Visitor:—                       |      |
| (i) To Expectant Mothers—  |      |
| First Visits .....   | 30   |
| Total Visits .....   | 76   |
| (ii) To Children under One Year of Age—  |      |
| First Visits .....   | 101  |
| Total Visits .....   | 1321 |
| (iii) To Children between the Ages of 1 and 5 Years—                                   |      |
| Total Visits .....   | 3140 |

# **SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1935.**

## **GENTLEMEN,**

During the year, the re-surfacing and repairs to many roads in the area were carried out.

1,688 visits were made to various premises in the district, the outcome of which was the finding of 161 nuisances, all of which were remedied, or have since received attention.

Seventy-two new houses have been erected during the year by private enterprise.

**Water Supply.**—The water supply was well maintained during the year, there being an ample supply of pure spring water to the whole of the town.

**Sewage Disposal.**—The system of sewage and drainage has been well maintained.

**Cowsheds, Dairies and Milk Shops.**—I give below the number of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926:—

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Farms .....                                   | 28 |
| Retail Purveyors of Milk .....                | 18 |
| Wholesale Traders and Producers of Milk ..... | 18 |

**Slaughter Houses.**—The Public Slaughter Houses are in good condition, and the killing and preparing is carried out under proper humane and hygienic conditions.

**Workshops.**—There are 72 Workshops on the register and they, generally, have been found in a satisfactory condition.

**Bakehouses.**—Twelve are registered and the condition of these houses is, generally, good.

**House Refuse.**—The house refuse has been collected daily by the Council's employees and, as the area of collection is increasing, the Council are considering this question very carefully, both as to the number of collections which should be made, and for making improvements in its disposal.

**Pleasure Grounds.**—Pleasure Grounds have received considerable attention and improvements have been carried out.

**Infectious Diseases and Disinfection.**—All premises in which cases of Infectious Disease occurred have been disinfected.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. G. LANDALE, A.M.Inst.C.E.,

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.



[Sanitary Officers' Order, 1926, Art. 19 (15).]

## Legal proceedings

## HOUSING (CONSOLIDATED) REGULATIONS, 1925. HEXHAM URBAN COUNCIL.

Tabular Statement as required by Article 31, for Year 1935.

### HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

|                                     | With State Assistance. | Unaided. | TOTAL. |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|
| (a) By Local Authority .....        | 91 ..                  | Nil ..   | 91     |
| (b) By other Bodies or Persons .... | Nil ..                 | 72 ..    | 72     |

#### 1.—INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .....   | 642 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....  | 855 |
| (2) a Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 .....          | 136 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....  | 136 |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....                                    | 6   |
| (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..... | 18  |

#### 2.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:—

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or its officers ..... | 6 |
|---|---|

#### 3.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS:

##### (a) Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930.

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which "notices" were served requiring repairs ..... | 3   |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—         |     |
| (a) By Owners .....   | 3   |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ....  | Nil |
|   | 3   |

##### (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..... | 6   |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—           |     |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners (Nil) ...  | }   |
| (a) By Owners (Nil) .....  | Nil |

##### (c) Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of Housing Act, 1930.

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....    | Nil |

##### (d) Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930.

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....  | Nil |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ..... | Nil |

#### 4.—NUMBER OF HOUSES PERMANENTLY DISCONTINUED AS DWELLINGS AND NOT INCLUDED ABOVE .....

48  
W. G. LANDALE, Inspector.



## SUMMARY OF WORK EFFECTED, 1935.

|                          | Hexham Urban District.<br>Inspector—W. G. LANDALE.          | After<br>Letter or<br>Interview | After<br>Informal<br>Notice | After<br>Statutory<br>Notice | Total |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| Sanitary<br>Conveniences | Privies abolished ...                                       | ...                             | ...                         | ...                          | ...   |
|                          | " repaired ...  | ...                             | ...                         | ...                          | ...   |
|                          | Privy ashpits abolished                                     | ...                             | ...                         | ...                          | ...   |
|                          | " " roofed or repaired                                      | ...                             | ...                         | ...                          | ...   |
|                          | Pail-closets abolished                                      | ...                             | ...                         | ...                          | ...   |
|                          | Water closets provided                                      | 4                               | 3                           | ...                          | 7     |
|                          | " " repaired  | 12                              | 4                           | ...                          | 16    |
|                          | Sanitary bins provided                                      | ...                             | ...                         | ...                          | ...   |
|                          | " " renewed   | 30                              | ...                         | ...                          | 30    |
| Drainage                 | New drains constructed                                      | ...                             | ...                         | ...                          | ...   |
|                          | Drains repaired or reconstructed                            | 6                               | 5                           | ...                          | 11    |
|                          | Additional gullies provided                                 | ...                             | ...                         | ...                          | ...   |
|                          | Old gullies replaced...                                     | ...                             | ...                         | ...                          | ...   |
|                          | Scullery sinks provided                                     | 3                               | 1                           | ...                          | 4     |
|                          | " waste pipes repaired                                      | 6                               | 5                           | ...                          | 11    |
|                          | " " trapped   | 3                               | 1                           | ...                          | 4     |
|                          | Yards repaired or reconstructed                             | 3                               | ...                         | ...                          | 3     |
| Water<br>supply          | Sources closed or discontinued, — No. of houses affected, — |                                 |                             |                              |       |
|                          | New service provided  | 5                               | "                           | "                            | 5     |

## FOOD INSPECTION, 1935.

| UN SOUND FOOD.       |             |     | Surrendered | Seized | Legal<br>Pro-<br>ceedings |
|----------------------|-------------|-----|-------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Beef (home-killed)   | stones...   | 48  | ...         | ...    | ...                       |
| " (Imported)         | " ...       | ... | ...         | ...    | ...                       |
| Mutton (home-killed) | " ...       | ... | ...         | ...    | ...                       |
| " (Imported)         | " ...       | ... | ...         | ...    | ...                       |
| Pork                 | ... "       | ... | ...         | ...    | ...                       |
| Bacon                | ... lbs.... | ... | ...         | ...    | ...                       |
| Fruit...             | ... lbs.... | ... | ...         | ...    | ...                       |
| Other Foods :        | ... "       | ... | ...         | ...    | ...                       |

URBAN DISTRICT OF HEXHAM. 1935.

**Inspection of Factories, Workshops & Workplaces,**Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or  
Inspectors of Nuisances.

| Premises<br>(1)                                 | Number of           |                            |                                 |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
|   | Inspections.<br>(2) | Written<br>Notices.<br>(3) | Occupiers<br>Prosecuted.<br>(4) |
| Factories (including Factory Laundries)         | 22                  | ...                        | ...                             |
| Workshops (including Workshop<br>Laundries)     | 24                  | 5                          | ...                             |
| Workplaces (other than Outworkers'<br>premises) | 9                   | 1                          | ...                             |
| Total ... ..                                    | 55                  | 6                          | ...                             |

## 2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

| Particulars.<br>(1)   | No. of Defects. |                  |  | Number<br>of<br>Prosecutions<br>(5) |
|---|-----------------|------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
|   | Found.<br>(2)   | Remedied.<br>(3) | Referred to<br>H.M.<br>Inspector.<br>(4) |                                     |
| <i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :</i>   |                 |                  |  |                                     |
| Want of cleanliness ... ..  | 3               | 3                | ...                                      | ...                                 |
| Want of ventilation ... ..  | ...             | ...              | ...                                      | ...                                 |
| Overcrowding ... ..   | ...             | ...              | ...                                      | ...                                 |
| Want of drainage of floors ... ..   | ...             | ...              | ...                                      | ...                                 |
| Other Nuisances ... ..  | 1               | 1                | ...                                      | ...                                 |
| Sanitary accom- insufficient ... ..   | ...             | ...              | ...                                      | ...                                 |
| modation unsuitable, defective  | 2               | 2                | ...                                      | ...                                 |
| not separate for sexes  | ...             | ...              | ...                                      | ...                                 |
| <i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop<br/>Acts :</i>   |                 |                  |  |                                     |
| Illegal occupation of underground<br>bakehouse (s. 101) ... ..  | ...             | ...              | ...                                      | ...                                 |
| Other Offences ... ..   | ...             | ...              | ...                                      | ...                                 |
| (Excluding offences relating to out-<br>work and offences under the Sec-<br>tions mentioned in the Schedule of<br>the Ministry of Health (Factories<br>and Workshops Transfer of Powers)<br>Order, 1921). |                 |                  |  |                                     |
| Total ... ..  | 6               | 6                | ...                                      | ...                                 |







